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STEP ASSAY OR ORAL FLUIDS

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the accompanying supplemental information is being submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 (c) and 1.98.

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The Examiner's attention is also directed to pending application Serial No. 09/973,956, filed October 11, 2001. The Examiner is requested to review that application and any and all references contained therein. A copy of the '956 application and the currently pending claims is enclosed.

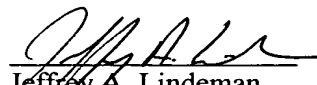
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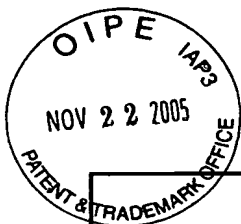
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